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Inventor(s): Marc Robidas

For: Systems and Methods for Exchanging Information Between Optical Nodes

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- This is a request for filing a  continuation  divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ entitled \_\_\_\_\_.
- 25 pages of specification, 4 pages of claims, 1 pages of abstract.
- 8 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-8).
- An Unexecuted Declaration, Petition and Power of Attorney (5 pages).
- An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_. A recordation form cover sheet (Form PTO 1595) is also enclosed.
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